

## The PROPHETS

I believe that America is ripe for a production, a reading production, of The Prophets.


I believe that our intellectual inquiry nowadays is moving out into many directions. Even ~~though~~ those who call themselves unbelievers, whatever that may ultimately mean, have one or ~~two~~ open places in their minds, perhaps unknown to themselves. Here some new wisdom might find welcome.

We have today the spectacle of our free country, fought and died for by our political ancestors, gazing from its summits of observation upon a slowly encroaching world. of Political enslavement

As a woman thinker of modest proportions I never cease to be amazed as I read (and nowadays too, as I look at my television ) to see how the masculine mentality can continue its unbelievable evasions of the causes of human error. We have panels here day after day (on tv) purporting to do some varied and rich thinking. As far as I can see we use up the time of the organizers of these panels, and we use up our money, ultimately taxes, etc, to listen in the main to the most awful, superficial drivel that the so-called educated minds of men (and I mean men) can bring forth when questioned by a commentator who manages to put all the wrong, silly, uninquiring questions that can be thought up and which deal entirely with the world of facts, and none that I can see with the world of causes.

Speaking of tv, I would like to call this to attention: that hundreds and thousands of brilliant, creative minds in our country, who could conceivably write plays, novels, and make poetry and write inquiring essays of basic meanings beside the ceaseless chatter of gunfire--but these men, and some women, do not get a look in on these tv programs because among other preventatives we are now being offered a regurgitation of the wars of the world.

Can somebody tell me how and why and at whose expense were the motion pictures taken of these wars that have been waged . I am told that they are taken at government expense and orders for recordings of these wars for future generations, who, we hope will learn from them. Considering that the motivations of wars, to my knowledge and reasoning, have never changed, what can we possibly learn of any real moral value from being shown some new invention, some new gadget to be used in the familiar murders and killings and destructions?





Apparently men are happy to engage in war. If men didn't enjoy war they wouldn't organize it.

From my feminine, creative point of view, I have felt always that war was engaged in as a substitute for the creative energies of men being put upon that feeble and outmoded word, duty. Because men cannot create or invent or imagine anything else to do with their time and energy they revert to the old familiar patterns of combat.

To my knowledge, the prophets and sages and so-called wise men of the earth have never specialized in condemnation of war. What they have affected to do was to show us visions of life lived from a different, entirely different, motivation. In our blessed country some years ago some male mind somewhere evolved a poster slogan to this effect:

We are now, young men of America,  
about to engage in a war to end  
all wars. Or

O Of all the assinine, untrue, unintelligent, childish statements that have been made about war, this, to me, tops them all.

At least one prophet, the Buddha, gave us the solution to this vast darkness that can come over men's minds and wills. He said: "

"HATRED NEVER CEASES BY HATRED, BUT ONLY BY LOVE."